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COMM SOUTH COMPANIES, INC'S)
COMPLAINT FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF)
AND DAMAGES ARISING FROM BREACH)
OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT,)
SUBSEQUENT PAYMENT AGREEMENT)
AND BREACH OF DUTY TO)
INTERCONNECT)

CAUSE NO. 42507

FILED

RESPONDENT: VERIZON NORTH, INC.)
f/k/a AS GTE NORTH INCORPORATED)
CONTEL OF THE SOUTH, INC. d/b/a)
VERIZON NORTH SYSTEMS)

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REGULATORY COMMISSION

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has caused the following entry to be made:

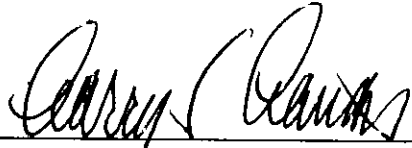
On September 23, 2003 an evidentiary hearing was convened in this Cause to hear evidence on whether Comm South Companies, Inc. ("Comm South") should be required to issue disconnection notices to its customers pursuant to 170 IAC 7-6-3.

At the September 23, 2003 hearing, Counsel for Comm South provided documentation that it had filed for bankruptcy protection in the Northern District of Texas on September 19, 2003. Counsel for Comm South and Verizon agreed that bankruptcy laws provide a debtor a period of twenty days in which to negotiate for the payment of past due utility bills. The parties agreed that pursuant to bankruptcy law Verizon is barred from discontinuing service to Comm South until the expiration of that twenty-day period. Wherefore the parties requested that this matter be continued to a date shortly after October 9, 2003, which is twenty days from the date of the bankruptcy filing.

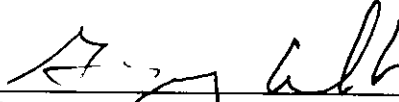
The presiding administrative law judge continued this matter to October 14, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in Room E-306. Counsel for Verizon stated on the record that Verizon would not disconnect Comm South until after the October 14th hearing, at the earliest.

The presiding officers find that because bankruptcy rules prevent Verizon from disconnecting Comm South, Comm South need not send out at this time the disconnection notice required by 170 IAC 7-6-3. It is further ordered that Verizon should honor its commitment to forebear from disconnecting Comm South until after the October 14, 2003 hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



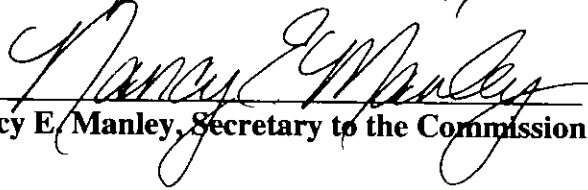
Larry Landis, Commissioner



Gregory S. Colton, Administrative Law Judge

Dated:

September 24, 2003



Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission